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1. DEPT SPOKESMAN RESPONDED TO RENEWED INQUIRIES RE

SSN VISITS AT PRESS BRIEFING FEB 21 AS FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE I AM TOLD THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS PRESENTLY REVIEWING ITS MONITORING PROGRAM IN JAPANESE PORTS WHICH ARE VISITED BY NUCLEAR-POWERED VESSELS. THE REVIEW, I GATHER, IS THE RESULT OF RECENT REVELATIONS THAT SOME OF THE ANALYTICAL REPORTING, OR THE ANALYTICAL REPORTS OF THE MONITORING OF SAMPLES IN THE PORT MONITORING PROGRAM, WERE INCORRECT. THESE WERE DONE, I GATHER, BY A PRIVATE JAPANESE AGENCY. AND I GATHER, ALSO, THE WHOLE STORY HAS BEEN IN THE PRESS OUT THERE. I DON'T KNOW ALL THE DETAILS. BUT, IN ANY EVENT, THIS JAPANESE GOVERNMENT CONTRACTOR HAD SUBMITTED MATERIAL ON ITS MONITORING WHICH APPARENTLY WAS FOUND DEFICIENT. SO, IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT REVIEW THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS UNDERWAY, THE UNITED STATES IS DEFERRING NUCLEAR-POWERED SHIP VISITS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS MONTH.

3. NOW, WHEN WE WOULD RESUME THESE VISITS, I COULDN'T SAY RIGHT NOW. BUT WE DID THIS AT THE INFORMAL REQUEST OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT. UNQUOTE

3. JAPAN COUNTRY DIRECTOR CALLED IN COUNSELOR DONOWAKI AFTERNOON FEB. 21 AND STRONGLY EMPHASIZED SERIOUSNESS AND SENSE OF URGENCY WITH WHICH USG VIEWS PRESENT SITUATION. HE REFERRED TO EMBASSY TOKYO REPRESENTATIONS TO GOJ AND REQUESTED DONOWAKI ALSO COMMUNICATE US POSITION TO FOREIGN MINISTRY. DONOWAKI ACKNOWLEDGED IMPLICATIONS FOR SECURITY RELATIONSHIP IF PRESENT SITUATION CONTINUES, BUT SAID HE FELT IT COULD TAKE SOME TIME FOR GOJ TO REESTABLISH CREDIBLE MONITORING SYSTEM. HE ASKED WHETHER WE COULD SAY HOW LONG SSN VISITS COULD CONTINUE TO BE DEFERRED, BUT WAS TOLD THAT NO SUCH JUDGMENTS COULD BE MADE AND THAT IT WOULD BE UNHELPFUL TO SPECULATE. RUSH

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